

Conservation and Resource Development Division

Irrigation Development Grant

Application

GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. PROGRAM CRITERIA

Funding for Irrigation Development Grants was authorized by the 1999 Montana Legislature to support ongoing and new efforts to enhance the value of irrigated cropland. It is the intent of this program to assist in the development of new irrigation and to increase the value of existing irrigation. Funds from these grants can be used to:

- ?? Assist in preliminary engineering studies for new irrigation systems or repairs/ retrofitting of existing facilities where new irrigated acres would result from those repairs.
- ?? Funds may be used to complete environmental assessments, marketing studies, project coordination, or to develop processor contacts and other similar activities.
- ?? Funds may be used to hire professional consultants to address issues such as the procedures necessary for creating a new irrigation district or water users association, or the process for acquiring lower cost power.
- ?? Other types of projects that increase the value of irrigated agriculture will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Grant funding will not be authorized for final engineering work or equipment purchases.

B. FUNDING LIMITS:

For any one project \$15,000.00 will be the maximum grant and a total of \$130,000.00 is available for each of the next two years.

Exceptions to the funding limits may be authorized for large projects or attempts to resolve issues of statewide interest.

Upon the award of a grant, the applicant will be required to enter into a grant agreement with DNRC. Unless specifically authorized, grant funding will not be approved for costs incurred prior to the date of execution of the agreement. The agreement will not be

effective until signed and dated by representatives of DNRC and the group or entity seeking funding.

DNRC will work with the applicant in establishing a reasonable contract termination date based on project requirements. Except for special exceptions approved by DNRC, grant agreements will not be extended.

C. APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

**Applications may be submitted to the department beginning January 1, 2000.
Applications should be submitted to:**

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
Conservation and Resources Development Bureau
1371 Rimtop Drive
Billings, MT 59105

Phone: 406.247.4412
Fax: 406.247.4429

The application process is "open cycle". There is no application deadline, and applications are accepted at anytime. Applications that meet program criteria will be funded on a first come first serve basis. Applications will be ranked against each other when the eligible requests exceed funding availability.

Application

1. Applicants Name _____

2. Mailing Address _____

3. City, State, Zip _____

4. Telephone Number(s) _____

5. Contact Person _____

A. Address if different than applicant _____

B. Telephone _____

6. Grant is requested by: (Check One)

☐ Individual ☐ Non-Profit Corporation

☐ Corporation for profit ☐ Partnership ☐ Irrigation District

☐ Other (explain) _____

?? Corporate applicants will be required to submit the following information: Articles of Incorporation, Corporation By-laws, Certificate of Good Standing.

?? Partnership applicants will be required to submit a Partnership Agreement.

7. Authorization Statement

I (We) hereby declare that the information and all attachments

To this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge, and that the project or activity complies with all applicable state, local, and federal laws and regulations.

I (We) further declare that I am (we are) legally authorized to enter into a binding contract with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to obtain funds if this application receives approval.

Signature of Applicant
or Authorized Representative

Date

Social Security No./ Tax ID No.

Signature of Co-Applicant
Or Authorized Representative

Date

Social Security No./ Tax ID No.

8. Technical Information

- A. Provide a detailed summary of the project or activity to be funded by this grant (1 or 2 pages at most)
- B. Identify the project goals and objectives.
- C. Discuss the project history and describe work previously done.
- D. Identify each of the tasks or phases necessary to complete project implementation.
- E. Provide a project schedule which identifies the start and end dates for each project task or phase. If possible explain who will complete each task or phase.
- F. If additional assistance by DNRC or other government agencies is necessary in addition to this grant, please outline the products needed and identify if that assistance has been committed to by the agency.

9. Project Budget

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>DNRC GRANT</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
(Items are listed for your use. You may want to add or delete some budget items.)			
1.Administration			
2.Communication			
3.Office Supplies			
4.Printing/Postage			
5.Travel			
6.Equipment			
7.Consultants			
8.Misc. (explain)			
TOTALS			
Total Project Cost	\$_____		

BUDGET NARATIVE:

Explain the basis of the figures provided in the budget table. Describe how the amounts in each of the budget line items were calculated.

10. BENEFITS NARRATIVE:

Describe the project's direct or indirect benefits to Irrigated Agriculture and how the project will help to increase the value of Irrigated Agriculture.